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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: **June 7, 2005 / 3 PM**
Date/Time of Occurrence: **June 4, 2005 / 1:30 PM**
Nature of Call: **Identity Theft Suspects Arrested**
Location of Call: **Econo-Lodge Motel, 2900 block of Auburn Blvd., Sacramento**
Case Number: **S0-05-6082**
Released by: **George Malim, Lieutenant 530-889-7862**

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

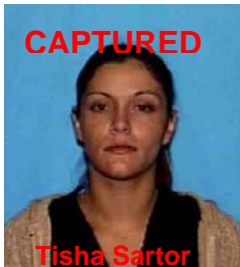
Three suspects who had been identified as being involved in an Identity Theft Ring operating out of an apartment in Roseville were arrested in a Sacramento motel.



Jonathan Pendergrass



Patty Klith



Tisha Sartor



Luis Sotelo

Acting on a tip as to the location of the suspects, Placer County Sheriff's Detective Jim Hudson contacted Detective Lynn Roloff of the Sacramento County Identity Theft Task Force. Roloff, with the assistance of Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Patrol personnel and Placer County Sheriff's Detective Mike Davis located and arrested Tisha Sartor, 25, Jonathan Pendergrass, 25, and Patty Klith, 22. Each had a Placer County Arrest Warrant charging them with Conspiracy and Identity Theft with a bail of \$250,000 each. Sartor and Pendergrass were booked in the Sacramento County jail as they each had additional warrants out of that county. Klith was booked into the Placer County Jail.

At the time of their arrest, the suspects were found to be in possession of stolen driver's licenses and Social Security cards in several victims' names. The room they rented was registered under the name of one of the victims.

A fourth suspect is still outstanding. Luis Sotelo, 37, of Sacramento, is believed to have fled California to avoid arrest. An Placer County Arrest Warrant charges him with Conspiracy and Identity Theft with a bail of \$250,000.

Sheriff Ed Bonner stated, "This is another excellent example of how inter-agency cooperation can lead to the successful investigation, arrest, and prosecution of criminals operating in several jurisdictions."

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